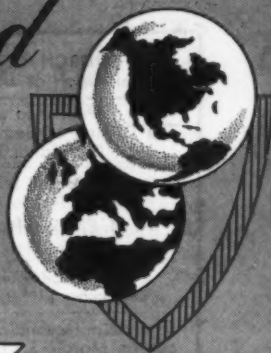


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NOTICES

This is to certify that Rev. Lessly Gilpin is
no longer a minister or member in the Church
of God—Carl Cox, State Overseer, Iowa and
Nebraska.

Brother J. B. Weeks, Route 2, Ellijay, Ga.,
would appreciate your sending back issues of
Evangelists, Lighted Pathways, and old tracts to
be used in street meetings.

OBITUARIES

HALL

Brother L. F. Hall, sixty-four years
of age, a faithful member and deacon
of the Church of God at Albany, Ga.,
for many years, was suddenly taken
from our midst by a train tragedy,
just out of Albany, Feb. 26, 1949. He
was a railroad man and was on the
job when the train hit him. He would
have been retired in less than a year.

He was loved by all who knew him.
His quiet, congenial manner won him
a place in our hearts. We enjoyed his
service as our Bible class teacher.
He did a lot yet had little to say. He
was very cooperative and we shall
miss him greatly.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs.
Minnie Hall, a hard-working L. W. W.
B. president for many years; three

daughters and five brothers. The
funeral was conducted by the pastor,
Rev. W. E. Wright, assisted by Rev.
Graham Oglesby, of Copper Hill, Tenn.

HOWARD

Laveren Howard, age twelve, was
killed by an automobile while riding
his bicycle after attending Sunday
School on February 20. He was a reg-
ular attendant of church and Sunday
School and was loved by all. His pas-
tor, Rev. J. L. Jenkins, Dr. Hicks, and
Rev. H. Gray conducted his funeral.
We thank everyone for their kind-
ness.—Mrs. W. A. Brown.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

Me to be healed of a serious stomach
trouble; my wife to be healed of asthma.—
Clyde Carr, Marked Tree, Ark.

My sister's husband to be saved; my brother
to be saved.—A Sister.

Me to be saved.—Miss Trudy Music.

My husband to receive the Holy Ghost; my
son to be saved and delivered from prison.—
A Sister.

My daughter to be healed of rheumatic
heart, anemia, and an extremely nervous con-
dition.—W. H. Compton, Delbarton, W. Va.

Me to be saved.—Cpl. Ellis H. Harris, Camp
Campbell, Ky.

My husband to be healed; my family.—Mrs.
W. B. Bennett.

The healing of my body; my brother who
has T. B.—Mrs. Ira Williamson.

My son to be saved and healed; the healing
of my body.—Mrs. B. F. Ard, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Me to soon receive the Holy Ghost and
know God's divine will in my life.—Miss Mary
Jones, Natchez, Miss.

The healing of my body.—Araminta B.
Trainor, Chillicothe, Ohio.

God to completely heal my two children of
a terrible cough and bronchial trouble.—Mrs.
Kathleen Warren, Atlanta, Ga.

Me to be healed of a skin disease and a
nervous condition.—Miss Geneva Hubbard,
Elizabethton, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—J. D. Casey, Hot
Springs, N. Mex.

A very special unspoken request.—H. D.
Riddleberger, Roanoke, Va.

The healing of my body; my wife to be

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PELZER CHURCH OF GOD HAS SPECIAL DAY—OVER- DAY—MARCH 20

(Cover Picture)

On this special day there were
in Sunday School. For the seven
consecutive month, the Sun-
School record has been broken.
Brothers Charles Watts and W.
Hamby are the superintendents.
They have come within six double
the membership since the Assem-
and no one would be surprised of
the happiness, because of this
markable success, of the excell-
pastor, James T. Shealy.

The church at Pelzer has had
long, rough, rugged road to tra-
since it was organized in 1919. Its
fancy was beset by many hard, fi-
trials that had a stinting effect
its growth, but not to the extent
completely stopping its progress.

I checked the records here in
effort to determine who the first
tor was, but since the record did
show, I believe I am right in say-
that Brother and Sister John Ham-
were responsible for its organiza-
and its first pastors.

This is their second building, the
first being in a more inconvenient
place than this one. The pastor
formed me, while visiting with
that there are possibilities of
membership, through the kindness
the mill company, securing and
ing to an even better and more
location in the community.

The Lord's blessings be upon
Pelzer Church and pastor, and
them continued success.—J.D.B.

NOTICE

All out-of-town visitors who are planning to attend the closing exercises of Lee College, May 22-26, who will be staying one night or more, should in the following form and send it to the Entertainment Committee, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.

There will be a few rooms available in the dormitories at 75c a night for each person. Those staying in the dormitories must furnish their own linen.

J. D. Free, Chairman, Entertainment Committee

Name _____

Address _____

Date of arrival _____ Number of nights expected _____

stay _____

Number in party _____ Number of rooms needed _____

Do you have a son or daughter attending Lee College? _____



EDITORIALS

THE NAE IS SEVEN YEARS OLD

To one unacquainted with the National Association of Evangelicals, the admission that it had just passed its seventh birthday, on the 19th of April, is likely to be equivalent to saying it is a weak, delicate inexperienced institution. But those of us who have been closely associated with the NAE from its inception and embarkation know better. In fact, it would be hard to find an association that traveled with greater momentum, and gathered to itself 3,000,000 stout-hearted constituents, with the most outstanding, competent, and farseeing leaders at its head—the intellectual and spiritual giants of Protestantism. We Unitarian Protestants should be especially proud of the fact that we are an intricate part of this great Christian group of 32 or more denominations, with equal rights and privileges. Not only that, but as you read President Stephen W. Paine's profound, timely and masterly address, beginning on pages eight and nine, on "Cooperation Without Compromise," you will see that the NAE holds the Unitarian affiliates in high esteem, and gives to us respect and honor, while the Federal Council of Churches and American Council of Christian Churches would not receive them. You will also observe, with appreciation, that Paine humbly, yet boldly, defends us. May I state here as you read this great message in the next few issues of the *Evangelist*, you should keep in mind that the message was not only gladly received, but adopted as a matter of business backed by the sixty denominations and 3,000,000 members.

The Church of God has been honored from the beginning of NAE by having representatives elected to important boards. For example, at this time J. H. Walker is a member of the Executive Committee; Zeno C. Tharp, member of Board of Administration; H. L. Chesser, member of the Mission Board; Earl P. Paulk, member Radio Commission; Ralph E. Williams, vice-president Evangelical Board; and the writer, a member of the National Sunday School Association. This recognition accorded to our denomination is significant.

Another thing of note about the NAE is that we have as much right to worship God according to the dictates of our individual conscience and denominational standards as is given a citizen of the United States by the Constitution.

At last, may I say that in unity there is strength and power to do things, and the NAE is doing things throughout the world. This unity is also an essential factor in defending our rights and privileges against unjust and unscrupulous congressmen who are frequently trying to legislate laws to impose upon, or divest us completely of our rights as a Christian nation. All of these things, and more, will impress and inspire you as you read Paine's address.

Let us pray earnestly for God's continued guidance, protection, and benediction for the National Association of Evangelicals.

"WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS!"

One of the most common and generally understood phrases in the world. It is a phrase used by friends to console a person who has been subjected to protracted misfortune. When one friend uses it in conversation with another,

other, his purpose is to convey the thought that it has been a fact of long standing and experience that there are times in every home or individual's life when one sorrow, heartache, disappointment, and misfortune comes in hot pursuit of another like sectional showers on hot days. But it is not only an admission; it is also a testimonial (experimental) that to all such sieges there comes an end. The silvery lining of the black, explosive, water-packed clouds—the sun—in new beauty, shines through, and the rainbow of hope and promise drapes the sky.

Yes, experience, understanding, sympathy, and encouragement are all inseparably couched in the phrase "When it rains it pours." It is an admission of sorrows with a promise of joy and gladness, bitter with assurance of sweetness, losses with hopes of recovery, sickness pointing to health, and death with the positive prospect of eternal life.

After all, Simon Peter's words would give "When it rains it pours" a philosophical supplement, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy," 1 Peter 4:12, 13. And Paul concludes, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose," Rom. 8:28.

F. B. I. STATISTICS

The F.B.I. has given the following statistics:
Fifteen million sex magazines read by one third of the nation monthly.

More barmaids than college girls.

Three times as many men criminals as college students.

One million girls affected with social disease.

One hundred thousand girls go into white slavery each year.

One million babies born in illegitimacy.

One in five marriages end in divorce.

Sixty suicides every day.

One murder every forty minutes.

One major crime every twenty-two seconds.

One hundred thousand unapprehended murderers walk the streets.

Seventeen-year-olds represent the largest criminal group.

Dr. George Gallup, statistical expert, says:

96 per cent of the American people say they believe in God.

76 per cent believe in life after death.

42 per cent have not been within a church building of any kind for a month or more.

America's moral debauchery:

In a single year, this land of the free and home of the brave spends for:

Crime	\$15,000,000,000
Gambling	6,000,000,000
Liquor	3,654,000,000
Tobacco	1,600,000,000
Commercialized vice	5,000,000,000
Motion Pictures	1,000,000,000
Cosmetics	500,000,000
Confectioneries	500,000,000
Chewing gum	100,000,000

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## MISSISSIPPI

### General Overseer's Statistical Check-up Report

The check-up report from the general office, which gives a report of gains and losses month by month, shows that Mississippi has made some progress over the same six-months period of last year. Mississippi ranks fourth place in membership in our group.

On the basis of percentage of increase over the same six-months period of last year, Mississippi takes first place in number of homes visited, number saved, number sanctified, number filled with the Holy Ghost, tithes paid, aged ministers' offerings, Evangel circulation, and righted Pathway circulation. We take second place in number of sermons preached, and third place in number added to the Church. We show a loss

of twenty-seven in number baptized in water and a loss in total mission and orphanage offerings. However, I am sure the loss charged against us in mission and orphanage offerings is due to the fact that the state convention mission and orphanage offerings for the year 1947 were mailed in to the general office after the beginning of last Assembly year.

It would appear from the report on the number baptized in water, that some of our converts are not being baptized. Brother minister, let's obey the commission of the Lord Jesus Christ by baptizing our converts after they have been saved.

From the bottom of my heart I thank each of you who had a part in helping us to show satisfactory gains in most every department of our Church work.—John L. Byrd, State Overseer.

## MICHIGAN

### Check-up for the Six Months of This Assembly Year Compared With Same Period of Last Year

| Department               | 1948-49    | 1947-48    | Gain     | Loss |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|----------|------|
| sermons                  | 2,139      | 2,129      | 10       |      |
| homes visited            | 6,971      | 5,477      | 1,494    |      |
| saved                    | 383        | 272        | 111      |      |
| sanctified               | 175        | 144        | 61       |      |
| baptized with Holy Ghost | 107        | 87         | 20       |      |
| baptized in water        | 73         | 42         | 31       |      |
| added to church          | 109        | 48         | 61       |      |
| tithes                   | \$3,918.31 | \$3,403.19 | \$515.12 |      |
| aged ministers           | \$538.47   | \$412.03   | \$126.44 |      |
| Evangel                  | 287        | 410        |          | 123  |
| righted Pathway          | 996        | 774        | 222      |      |

—D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer.

## OKLAHOMA'S LADIES' WILLING WORKERS



MRS. C. J. HINDMON  
State President

Dear Willing Workers:

We surely enjoyed visiting the different churches over the State and talking with you about your work and the different things you are doing for the Lord and the Church.

We are always glad to hear from you and to know what you are doing in your church. If we can be of any help to you, let us know.

We were glad to hear from Murphy for the month of February. There are so many things to do, and I know the Lord will bless you in working for His cause.

Our new church at Edmond is doing fine. The bad weather and sickness have hindered the past two months, but the Lord is still blessing, and they are loyal and doing their best. Spring will soon be here, and we all shall be able to be out working again. This church desires your prayers.

While visiting Brother and Sister Mobley a few days ago, they showed us some work they had been doing. They were making pillowcases, scarfs, and some other things which they are giving a sister who lost her home by fire.

The ladies at Oklahoma City prepared food for our convenience during the prayer conference, also, the good ladies at Norman had sandwiches, pies, candy, and drinks for sale during our district convention

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## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND . . .

the

## Northeastern Regional Youth Congress

Which Will Be Held in

Cincinnati, Ohio

JUNE 7-10, 1949

Northeastern States

West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New England States, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ontario, Canada,

# The Responsive Address at NAE

By J. H. WALKER, EXECUTIVE MISSIONS SECRETARY

I am very thankful that Chicago was chosen as our convention city. All of us who have enjoyed your refined hospitality, who have had our hearts warmed by the many kind expressions showered on us on the four previous occasions in this city, were perhaps, in a manner, prepared for this welcome, but I assure you all of us sincerely appreciate it.

It has been wisely remarked that the coming into existence of NAE marks an epoch. I am reminded of an epoch that planned to fix the history of the world for a hundred years. At the little town of Tilsit, on the river Neimen, in Prussia, precisely at one o'clock on June 25, 1807, boats put off from opposite sides and rowed toward a raft in the middle of the stream. Out of each boat stepped a single individual, and the two met in a small wooden compartment in the middle of the raft, while cannons thundered salvos from both shores, and the shouts of great armies, drawn up on both banks, drowned the roar of artillery. The two persons were the Emperor Napoleon and Alexander, Emperor of Russia, and the history of the time tells us that they met to "arrange the destinies of mankind." The conference lasted two hours. It was entirely private between two emperors, and yet it was fraught with consequences momentous to millions. It was one of the greatest crises of human history, when the currents of power that govern nations take new directions and break over the bounds and barriers of ages. But the designs promulgated by Napoleon and Alexander were defeated.

We come to this convention without flare of trumpets or the roar of cannon. We come in the name of the Prince of Peace, to continue this association momentous to millions and rich in purposes pertaining to the destinies of mankind, an association predicated upon success, and not, like the plan of two emperors, doomed to failure; a movement as clear as the sun, as fair as the moon and as terrible as an army with banners.

Brethren, no convention in history ever met under more serious world conditions than this our seventh an-

nual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals is meeting under today.

Atheistic godless Communism is engulfing nation after nation. Eleven countries in Europe have been swallowed up by the giant octopus since the close of the war. Already many thousands of born-again Christians in these lands have been enslaved, exiled, and killed. Their churches have been turned into gymnasiums, museums, pool halls, and brothels. Behind the iron curtain in eastern Germany the people were forbidden to sing Christmas carols. Other less fortunate true followers of God have been and are being tried by mock courts, condemned, and many being thrown into prisons and concentration camps, and there they are literally starving to death.

Here in America, the enemy is within our gates. We are faced with juvenile delinquency, drunkenness, debauchery, atheism, modernism, general deterioration of our civilization, and the threat of an atomic war.

It has been said our civilization of today is a "cut flower" civilization. It still appears to be very beautiful, but the roots have been cut away.

The great Niagara for centuries had filled the eye of the tourist with wonder and admiration next to awe. It had been a world of wasted power, until it was harnessed to giant turbines, and thus decreed that the world and mankind should receive a recompense from this hitherto dormant power.

So, like Niagara, the evangelicals of America were a world of wasted power, for they had no common vehicle through which ALL true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ could be united and articulate, in matters of common interest and concern, until the National Association of Evangelicals came into existence. Now they have a voice; that once silent power speaks. It speaks in clarion tones of service to millions, and its influence is felt around the world, through its numerous missions, such as:

1. Sunday School Movement
2. National Religious Broadcasters

3. United Evangelical Action, Interdenominational Journal
4. Christian Day School—Grade and High
5. Evangelical Colleges, Seminaries, Cooperation
6. Evangelical Ministers Associations
7. Regional Organizations
8. Evangelical Youth
9. Women's Fellowship
10. Laymen's Advisory Council and the various programs sponsored by NAE.

We are here today from the East to the West, from the North to the South, and from across the water. This hotel is like a massive beehive, working alive—evangelicals from thirty-two member denominations besides five entire conferences of denominations, sixty-two colleges and organizations not members of member denominations, nine affiliated bodies, and 410 individual churches from thirty-one other denominations.

We are not here to glory in our accomplishments of the past several years, but are counselling, studying and planning how we may provide this voluntary association of evangelical churches, denominational schools, mission organizations, ministerial fellowships, evangelist organizations and individuals with services which will enable them to accomplish more quickly and efficiently the speedy evangelization of the world, and fulfillment of the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to "go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

## OKLAHOMA'S LADIES' WILLING WORKERS

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there. They are making some beautiful paper flowers, too.

The Lawton ladies get the State banner for February for raising \$191.22, by selling flavoring, pie filling, and such like. They surely are working and doing great things. They are now putting sidewalks around their beautiful new church building.

We received seventeen such good reports for the month of February but we still have a few churches which do not have an L.W.W.B. We hope you will get one organized in your church soon. I know it will be a blessing to your church and pastor.



# REVIVALS

LANDO, S. C.—We have just closed wonderful three weeks' revival. Many say it was the greatest revival Lando has ever seen. Rev. J. L. Holland, of Pelzer, did the preaching, and seldom a night passed without wonderful blessings being received. Twenty-nine were saved, twenty-six sanctified, thirty-one baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-four added to the church. We have more than doubled our membership since the assembly. Some were healed of afflictions of long standing. One young girl was healed one night, received the Holy Ghost the next night, and of many under the power of God for three hours the last night of the revival. Brother R. W. Sloan, our pastor, and the evangelist worked in such accord in the Spirit that several nights there were messages and interpretations given out through them. A service held too late for them and their wives to be at the altar working with those seeking the Lord. In the service there were eight standing being received into the church while others were falling into the altar seeking the Lord.

We can recommend Brother and Sister Holland to any church needing good revival. We are proud of our pastor and his wife, too. They are both preachers and they have a son who is a preacher. Look out for Lando. We really move ahead for the Lord and the Church of God.—J. M. Stroud, Jr., Clerk.

GROTTOS, Va.—The Church of God here was blessed with another wonderful revival which was conducted by our good Sister Della Patrick, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. There were seven saved, eleven sanctified, and three baptized with the Holy Ghost. An elderly man, eighty-one years old, was saved and healed of rheumatism; also, a young lady was healed of an upward goiter.—Mrs. Marvin Varner.

BUFORD, Ga.—We have just closed revival here, with Rev. H. G. Mushearn doing the preaching. There were thirty-seven converted, several sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and nineteen added to the church, including five young married couples.—Earl P. Paulk, Jr., Pastor.

DUNFORDTOWN, Va.—I praise God for the successful revival just conducted here. We are glad the Lord sent Sister Bessie Puckett our way. Thirty were saved, twenty-three sanctified, twenty-one baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-seven added to the church, and we plan to have a great water baptismal service. The notes of harmony graciously sounded as the Pentecostal showers fell from the first night until the last. We thank God for the Holy Ghost and the faithful, loyal people in Dunfordtown.—John McPherson.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here, in which the Lord surely blessed in a great way. About nine were saved, six or more sanctified, and eight baptized with the Holy Ghost. Sister Jenie Payton, of Tarboro Church, was the evangelist. She did some good singing and preaching. The Lord met with us in every service. We have enough to organize a church, with others who are coming in who already have the Blessing. Two sisters were saved and sanctified before the revival started. Pray that God will continue to bless and that we can purchase a lot in a good location for the church.—Mrs. Ray Ward.

## CONGRATULATIONS !

It is my privilege as Business Manager of your Publishing House to congratulate the many busy ministers and successful Church workers throughout the United States and foreign English-speaking countries on the finest and most successful Sunday School drive ever undertaken by the Church of God.

We were embarrassed here at the Publishing House because of the limited supply of literature printed for the present quarter; however, when I say we were embarrassed, I do not say that with reflection on any department of the Publishing House or the staff. I am happy to let you know that the literature outnumbered any previous printing in the history of our Church. You ministers and all the Church workers accomplished the greatest task ever set before any

group in the Church of God. For example, ministers wrote to me saying, "My Sunday School six months ago averaged sixty to ninety; three months ago it ran past 125; now we are expecting the enrollment to exceed 200." Many churches and pastors are actually celebrating this wonderful success in Sunday School attendance. Churches which never enjoyed a large growth in Sunday School work have moved forward beyond expectation.

As Business Manager of the Publishing House, I express my deep appreciation to Rev. Ralph Williams, our National Youth Director, and the Youth Board for sponsoring this most unusual Sunday School drive. The prizes which were offered by them have been a source of inspiration for pastors throughout the nation, and we of the Publishing House rejoice with Brother Williams in this accomplishment of Sunday School work.

As many of you know, it is impossible to reprint literature after we begin mailing it; however, I have instructed Brother Lee Bell, the printing foreman of the Publishing House, to increase the literature so every church will receive the desired amount when they order this coming quarter. I am deeply regretful that many churches did not receive literature this quarter. New churches which are being organized will not receive literature because our supply here at the Publishing House has been exhausted, but I feel that our supply will be adequate for the next quarter.

As I dictate this message to you, I feel a special note of praise in my heart to God for the progress which the Church of God is enjoying. I know this will spur each of us on to unexpected gains in every department of our Church work. This all adds up to the commission of Jesus Christ, which we are fulfilling in a great measure: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel" and "teach all nations." So, friends, believe me when I say we have your church work at heart, and are doing everything in our power to supply you with literature and other merchandise which you will be ordering from your Publishing House. Feel perfectly free to contact me at any time I can serve you, and remember, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."—A. M. Phillips.

# Cooperation Without Compromise

*(I am giving you this great and profound address with the sincere hope that you will read it carefully. If you do, I know you will understand better the nature and purpose of the NAE.—J. D. B.)*

Our theme at this convention, "Cooperation Without Compromise," implies a consideration of the positive and the negative angles of the basic motive for cooperative effort among Bible-believing Christians and then a notice of some of the channels through which this cooperation has been made effective in NAE.

Then we shall enquire what, if any, has been the reflex action of this cooperation upon those groups who have been partners in this fellowship. Have serious compromises been involved, or do they seem implied in the NAE picture? We want particularly to ask whether this sort of united effort requires or may require of NAE's constituents a yielding in matters of (1) the faith, (2) distinctive doctrines, (3) group associations, (4) group polity.

We desire to discuss frankly any dangers which may seem to be potentially present in the picture. In this connection, I hope I may be permitted to draw lesson material from other interdenominational cooperative groups, perhaps noticing certain factors in the setup of the Federal Council of Churches and its counterpart, the World Council of Churches, and, on the other hand, also of the American Council of Christian Churches and its European organization, the International Council of Christian Churches.

In all of this, of course, we need to keep before us the realization that both of these groups have a perfect right, in this free land, to be organized upon that basis which best suits them and their respective constituencies. And in the case of the brethren of the American Council, we have well in mind, also, the fact that their group and ours are one in the faith, even though we are not agreed as to organizational policies.

Presidential Address of Stephen W. Paine  
Annual Convention, National Association of Evangelicals,  
Chicago, April 19-22, 1949

## NAE'S Original Vision of Cooperative Witness

When the brethren started the NAE, they had certain objectives in mind which they thought could be accomplished better if Bible-believing Christians worked together than as though they were entirely disjointed in their efforts. Their central objective, as you can readily see by looking at our constitution, was to raise up a united witness to the historic Christian faith.

Here, it seems to me, the brethren were on good ground, for did not our Lord, when He was about to leave this earth, give His followers the single task of being witnesses unto Him unto the ends of the earth? And have not His true followers since that day felt a constraint upon them to pass along the good news that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"?

Then, what better project can Christ's followers have in these days, when, in all of the major branches of Protestantism, men have been deserting the simple faith once delivered to the saints, relegating it to the category of myths, and have gone about to set up another gospel which is not the gospel, a gospel satisfactory to man's wisdom and so pervasive in its scope that many people today do not even know there are still millions of evangelical Bible-believing Christians—I say what better project can Christ's followers have than to raise against this background of unbelief a united and unequivocal witness to the historic Christian faith?

## Implementing the Evangelical Witness

God has been blessing our cooperative labors for the forwarding of the gospel these seven years since the St. Louis meeting. Among other things, for example, He has helped us to set up an evangelical international journal—under the

name UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION, which has endeavored to speak clearly upon the great religious and ecclesiastical movements of our time, assessing them always from the viewpoint of our evangelical faith, and warning God's people faithfully concerning that which would jeopardize its spread.

Our Foreign Missions Commission has expanded into the fully incorporated Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, affiliated with NAE. This organization now has a membership of thirty-two evangelical mission boards, and has had occasion to serve some fifty-five missions which are not in full membership. This means total service constituency for the E. F. M. A. of some eighty-seven mission boards, with a total of more than 5,000 missionaries, about one-fifth of the Protestant missionaries in the world.

Our National Sunday School Association has made great strides in its function of spearheading a revitalization of the Sunday School movement in the United States, a movement which has been one of the leading casualties of modern religious liberalism. A uniform series of Sunday School lessons has been established by the N. S. S. A., in response to the earnest demand of Bible-believing Christians, a lesson series which has a yearly circulation of over one million. State and national Sunday School conventions have been held with great success and profit.

Further, the NAE has taken forward the realization of the rapid secularization and paganizing of public school education in the United States, we have helped by the National Union of Christian Schools, a Christian school organization, active principally in Calvinistic circles, we have established a wholly interdenominational Christian day school association known as the National Association of Christian Schools, an organization



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In the rather vexed area of evangelical radio broadcasting, where there has been apprehension lest paid gospel broadcasting be forced from the airlines, the NAE commission for radio, National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., has seen to it that the wish of the Bible-believing radio public should have expression, and thus far this important avenue of gospel witness has, in the providence of God, remained open.

Then, when the closing of the recent world conflict left a trail of suffering and privation in other lands, the NAE, through its War Relief Commission, provided Bible-believing Christians with an avenue for sending clothing and food to our brethren abroad, always presenting these items as material relief in the name of Christ. The useable value of this assistance has been in excess of thirty millions of dollars.

And now that our nation has decided to offer an asylum to many thousands of Europe's displaced persons, and with those of the evangelical faith appearing thus far to have been almost a forgotten people, so as this displaced persons program concerned, NAE has set up a temporary committee to expedite the applications of Christians in this country desiring to sponsor the coming of Christian D. P. families to the United States. To date, some hundred thirty-one such applications have been referred through our office of affairs in Washington, and as funds are made available for this work, its scope can be made much broader and more significant.

These have been some of the ways in which evangelical Christians, cooperating through the National Association of Evangelicals, have sought to forward the gospel. Considering the youthfulness of our movement and our perennially scant physical resources, we must certainly give to God all the glory for what has been done, and thank Him for putting it into the hearts of Bible-believing Christians to work together upon the mission of our common faith. I believe we will all quickly agree that this evangelical cooperation has been

## The Costs of Cooperation

We now turn to the matter of the cost of evangelical cooperation. Almost everyone agrees that cooperation is a good thing, if it is promoting objectives which he wants to see promoted. But when you look over the various brands of cooperation, you find in every case a price tag attached, for there isn't any kind of cooperation worthy of the name which comes absolutely free of charge.

For instance, if you are a working man, and you want to go in with the other working men in your industry to make the management give you better pay and more commodious working conditions, you soon discover that you have to pay union dues and that you may have to stay home from work some days when you would just as soon go to work.

Of course, the big question about any given cooperative setup—supposing that people are free to decide whether they want to go into it or remain in it—is whether the dues are too high, whether the sacrifices required are too great in view of the ends to be gained, or even too great regardless of any ends to be gained.

And so, passing by the cost of this evangelical cooperation in terms of money and time and toil—costs which would be expected and, incidentally, which evangelicals must be prepared to assume, if this cooperative effort is to continue—let us go directly to those great basic considerations which comprise the chief treasure of Bible-believing Christians, and ask to what extent, if any, these are jeopardized or compromised in the evangelical cooperative movement known as the NAE.

## No Compromise as to the Faith

First we ask, What about our most priceless heritage, the historic faith of Jesus Christ, referred to by Saint Peter as the "precious faith," that faith the keeping of which Saint Paul cited as his essential life achievement? To what extent will those cooperating in NAE have to compromise as to the evangelical faith?

Thus far, and to God is the credit, NAE provides an avenue of Christian cooperation which does not involve any compromise whatsoever in the tenets which comprise the basic core of evangelical faith common to all Bible-believing groups.

The reason for this, under God, is that our first determination in coming together was not to **cooperate**, but

to raise up a witness to this same precious faith. With this in mind, one of the first things we did was to set forth what was meant by this evangelical Christian position.

The result was a statement of faith which is clear-cut and concise, absolutely in line with the historic creeds of Christendom. It is a statement of faith, which, by the way, has been adopted wholly or in substance by several evangelical agencies since it was formulated by NAE.

This definition of the faith is without doubt the most important part of our constitution. At once it sets forth the **standard** to which evangelicals are raising their united witness, and it also defines the **scope** of our evangelical fellowship. In short, it says, "This is the faith we are uniting to forward," and it also says that none but those holding this faith may unite with us in advancing it.

So far, the Lord has, we believe, helped us to keep true to this initial vision. Our various activities have been only means to an end, and have, we feel, had a direct bearing on forwarding the faith. At the same time, so far as we know, God has kept from our number any fifth column, any segment of doubt as to that same faith.

## Keeping True to the Faith

Of course, we are trusting the Lord to keep NAE this way. We look to the Board of Administration to exercise careful surveillance as to the orthodoxy of all member groups, both new and old. NAE is not an inclusivist organization. It has no place whatsoever for those not wholly evangelical in faith.

But to look to the Board of Administration to keep our fellowship free from heterodoxy is by no means enough. Even more important, it seems to me, is to commit all our efforts so directly and so specifically to advancing **this faith** that only those sharing the faith will want to work with us.

For if our emphasis ever shifts from the end—forwarding the faith—to the means; if we as an NAE are ever caught simply doing good, emphasizing a broad sort of cooperation in beneficent projects, we shall be in danger of having in our fellowship people who are attracted by the program and who will sign our statement of faith with fingers crossed.

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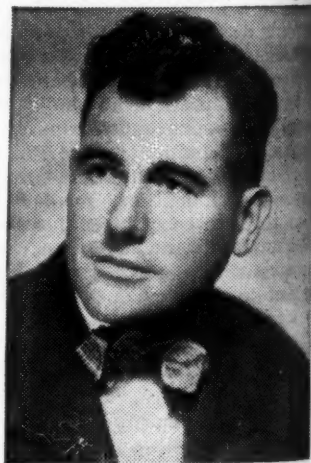
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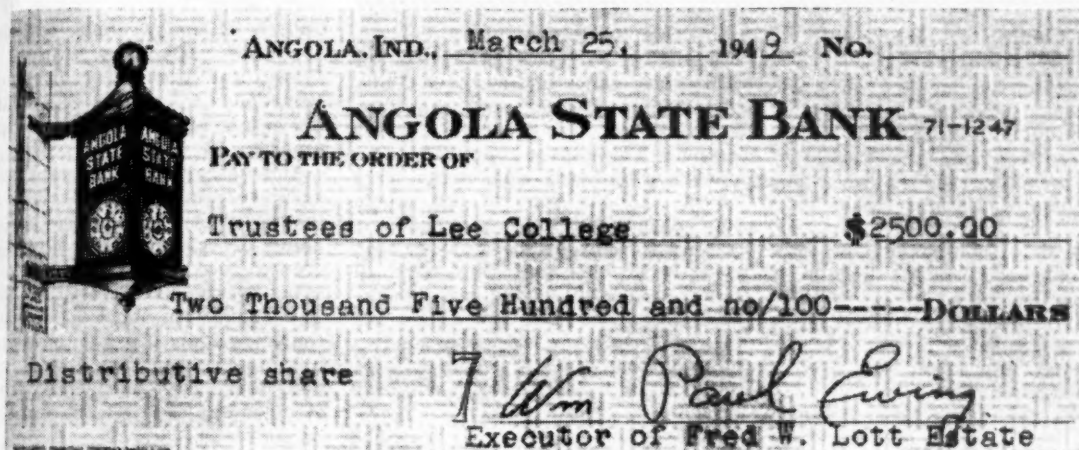
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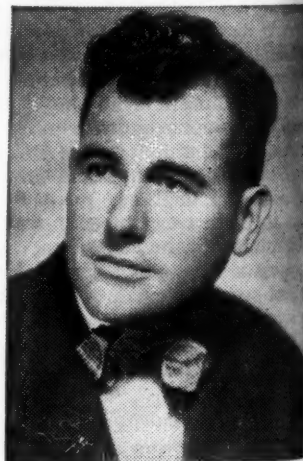
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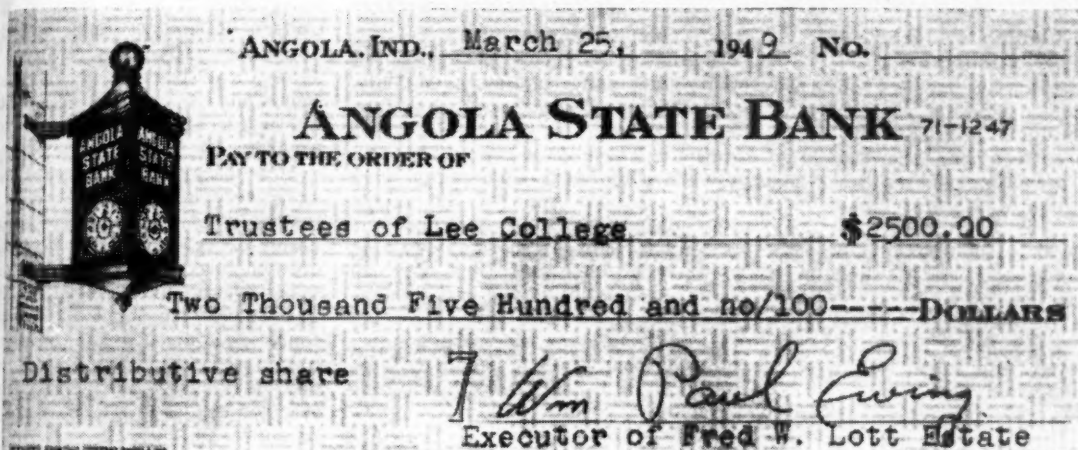
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The mayor of Jacksonville brought the welcome address. At the eleven o'clock service, Rev. R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer, brought a wonderful message, which was enjoyed very much and will be long remembered.

At about 12:30 p.m., the good ladies brought their baskets and boxes of food and spread it upon a sixty-foot table at the back of the church.

Brother J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief of Church of God Publications, brought us a message in the afternoon that was timely and soul-stirring; it went home with us and will be a blessing on and on. I have heard

many compliments on it.

Sunday evening we were honored with the presence of Rev. A. M. Phillips, Business Manager of the Publishing House, who preached a great sermon. There was shouting and praising the Lord, and many were blessed. I hear some of the people here discussing who preached the greatest sermon during the day. Well, we have decided that they were all TOPS. As to who did the best preaching I cannot say, but one thing I can say, these brethren did some wonderful preaching, and the people certainly did enjoy it. They have a standing welcome.

We were happy to have Sister Bright and Sister Walker with us on this occasion. Their presence was a blessing to this meeting.

The neighboring churches and their fine pastors came and helped us to make this day and this meeting a success. May the good Lord richly bless every one of you, and we sincere-

ly desire your prayers.—Howard Statum, Pastor.

## A Few Words From Amarillo, Texas

It has been something like two years since I have written to the Church of God *Evangelist*, but, since I never see very many writings from Texas (and that is because no one ever writes in), I feel like writing a few words about our church here in Amarillo.

God has gloriously blessed us here since we came last September. I can truthfully say I found a good, loyal group of saints, as good as I have ever pastored. Thirty-nine have been saved, twenty-nine sanctified, twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, and fourteen added to the church. One reason the number added to the church was only fourteen several weeks ago received the Holy Ghost were members already.

We just closed a wonderful revival with Brother Amos Ledford, of Arkansas, as the evangelist, during which time fourteen received the Holy Ghost. Out of the three weeks here, he preached only about eight sermons. We had some wonderful healings, also.—L. C. Penington, pastor.

From left to right: Evangelist C. B. Donahue, Rev. J. H. Walker, Foreign Missions Secretary, Rev. Morris Wiggins, Rev. O. C. Crank, State Overseer of Delaware, District of Columbia, and Maryland, and, seated at the piano, Rev. V. B. (Vep) Ellis, in the regular radio service of the Lake City, Florida, church. Reverends Walker and Crank had stopped by for a brief visit with Pastor Ellis, on their way for an extensive missionary tour. Reverend C. B. Donahue was engaged in a very successful revival which gave to the church an addition of twenty-five members. The pastor and his good membership are working hard on their new church building, with the joyful expectation of holding their opening service in May.





# High Time to Awake

By Mrs. Pearl Hinton

*"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed," Romans 13:11.*

If there has ever been a time the children of God need to be awake, it is now. Oh, how we need to be up and about our Father's business. "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober," 1 Thess. 5:6.

After we have been washed in the precious blood of Jesus, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, God's Word speaks to us and tells us to watch and pray always lest we fall into temptation. Surely the coming of our Lord is near. When we read His Word and see how it is fulfilled and then think of the condition of this world today, we wonder how many hear that voice saying, "Awake and watch." He is talking to the children of light. If we go in the rapture when Jesus comes, we must be pure, clean and holy. We have to live every minute of our lives just as if He were coming the next minute, for when He comes, we won't have time to make anything right with someone we have wronged.

Sometimes the enemy will get God's children to find fault with their brothers and sisters and will cause a little envy to creep in the heart. God's Word says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another." If we have the right kind of love in our hearts, we will do just what His Word says for us to do. God said if we loved Him we would keep His commandments. God help us to seek and pray as never before for Him to throw the searchlight from heaven down on our hearts and see if there is anything in there that would keep us from going in the rapture when Jesus comes. God help the Christian people everywhere to pray until their hearts are flooded with love. Love is one of the greatest words in the Bible. If we don't have a heart full of love when Jesus comes, we shall miss the rapture. "If we keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love," John 15:10. No wonder He said, "Stay awake; watch and pray." If we go to sleep, we shall soon

find ourselves in need of love and many other things. God knows all about us. He knows the mind, the thoughts and intents of the heart. If we, the children of God, obey our heavenly Father, we can feel His smile on us for keeping His commandments. If we want deeper depths and higher heights in Christ Jesus, we must obey His Word.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light," Romans 13:12. The world is lost in darkness and there are many so-called Christians who don't have a light to let shine to the world; poor sinners are dying every day, going out unprepared to meet God. O Lord, help our people to awake and put on the armour of light that someone may see Christ in our lives. If we have Christ living in our hearts, He will show on the outside. He says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." He didn't give us this light to cover up and hide, but we are to let it shine in this dark world. He said for us to be a pattern of good works. Surely there is need for us to be examples today. Paul exhorted us to lay aside every weight.

## Wherein Thy Great Strength Lieth

By Mrs. Mabel Maddeford

Samson had a miraculous birth. An angel came down and announced to Manoah's wife that she was to bear a son. This angel gave her a special diet: no strong drink nor wine and only special foods. She was to bring forth a special son at a special time for a special purpose to a special people. The angel ordered that this boy should never patronize a barbershop, as he was to be a Nazarite unto God to deliver Israel out of the bondage into which their sins had brought them.

Samson's body was strong. When a lion roared upon him, the Spirit of the Lord moved upon him and he tore the lion apart with his bare hands. One day when his wife made a fool of him before his enemies,

It is time, and high time, for us to set this world on fire with righteousness. We need to pray until God sets our souls on fire for Him. Let us not be like the foolish virgins who slumbered and slept while the wise were getting ready for the bridegroom. The wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps, the foolish took their lamps but no oil (Matt. 25:1-13). There is a caution sign in this chapter warning us not to be as the foolish virgins—unprepared. When their lamps went out, they called to the wise, "Give us of your oil," but the wise answered, "Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you." Oh, thanks be unto our God for His Word telling us what to do to enter into heaven! I am so glad He gives understanding and knowledge to know the way of salvation. There will be many who will come up before Him and say as the foolish virgins, "Lord, Lord, open unto us," but He will answer and say He knows them not. We can't live a halfway Christian life and enter into heaven. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

We are living in the time when we, the children of God, need to take inventory of our lives, strive to be a greater blessing for our dear Saviour, and do all that lies in our power to help poor, lost souls to be saved before it is too late.

again the Spirit of the Lord moved upon him and he killed thirty of the men. When his own people tricked him into allowing himself to be bound with ropes and delivered him into the hands of his enemy, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, he broke the ropes, picked up a jawbone of an ass and slew a thousand men.

But Samson was too much of a lady's man and it led to his downfall, as it will every time. Delilah made a fool of him. He knew he was a Nazarite and that he was dedicated to God to be used of Him. A Nazarite was not allowed to cut his hair, and that had been ordered by the angel before his birth. When he yielded to the wiles of a silly woman, she cut his hair

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# Does the Bible Teach an "All-Nations" Flag?

MUST IT FLOAT AS VICTOR FOR CHRIST OVER ALL NATIONS TO FULFILL PROPHECY?

*Text: John 8:36, "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."*

There are many "fads" coming out in the name of the Lord. "Fad" means a hobby, a craze, etc., followed for a time with exaggerated zeal. (Webster's Dictionary). This describes exactly the fanatic spirit over the flag. The people who do this have become known as the "flag church," preaching and shouting that the "flag church" is the Church of God, and that all will bear the flag before Christ comes again. This fad is dying fast, killed by some of its overzealous members preaching, "if you don't have the flag, you're not the Lord's Church," etc. Hobby! Yes, the flag has its place in every sermon: "The flag this, and the flag that," followed by a loud shout; but not much shouting when the name of the Lord is mentioned. Many of the members are mixed on their explanation of the flag. Dear friend, we must worship the Lord in spirit and truth—not with the waving of a flag, or any other image. John 4:21-24.

## THE FLAG . . . WHAT IS IT?

The Old Testament contains many scriptures about flags, banners, etc., but the great mistake is made of forgetting that the Old Testament is about the JEWISH NATION, God's holy people. The prophecy concerning them as a "nation," with a national flag, is prophecy about the Jews and their coming Messiah, Num. 24:17; Psa. 46:6; of the crucifixion, their being scattered and then coming back to Jerusalem as a nation, and with a flag (THE STAR OF DAVID).

These Scriptures are NOT about the Church of God, for it is composed of the GENTILE, and is spiritually grafted into the Vine (John 15:1-9) and is called a CHURCH (Matt. 16:18) and not a nation. The New Testament is its rule and government. If Christ wanted His Church to have a SUPER FLAG, He would have made mention of it. There is not one verse in the New Testament about a church flag. Why? God's only Son is the Ensign to hold up to this lost and dying world. Don't get sidetracked by some man-made idea. The Church is God's

standard for the lost world. Please don't hinder its work by some fad. Where in the New Testament did Christ carry a flag? He is my example. Where did Paul carry or preach a flag? He did not; he said for me to follow him as he followed the Lord (not a flag). 1 Cor. 11:1. Then again, "...I determined not to know anything... SAVE JESUS CHRIST, AND HIM CRUCIFIED," 1 Cor. 2:2. Why? Christ said, "And I, if I, be LIFTED UP... I will draw all men unto me," John 12:32. There is not ONE word about a flag! Dear brother, you can see that the prophecy about the Jewish nation and its flag has nothing to do with the Christian church. Matt. 16:18. Christ taught me to LIFT Him up. Are you going to preach His gospel? Matt. 28:16-20.

Paul said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel (lifted up flags or any other image) . . . let him be accursed," Gal. 1:8. The Jews wanted to use Old Testament circumcision in the early Church, Acts 15. There are many "circumcision" fads and hobbies in the church today. They are stumbling blocks in getting souls saved. S. of Sol. 2:4, "He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love." By this scripture we could make a green flag and put the word "love" on it and be just as much right as if it had a star, scepter, and crown, or any other symbol on it. Nowhere does the Bible tell you how to make a flag. If God intended for His Church to have a super flag to carry and preach about, He would have told us how to make it and what to put on its face. He told Noah how to build the ark, even to the kind of wood to be used. He told Moses exactly how to build the Tabernacle. Why didn't He tell us how to make a church flag? Wake up, my friend, and see that your flag is a fad, a hobby, and is hindering honest seekers.

## FULFILLMENT OF JEWISH PROPHECY

Isa. 5:26, "And he (God) will lift up an ensign (flag of the Jewish nation—the star of David) to the nations from far, and will hiss (draw) unto them from the end of the earth; and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly." This prophecy has just

been fulfilled in the last months. The Jews are a nation again with a national flag. They are going back to the mountain of Jerusalem with great speed, Isa. 49:22,23. The prophecy has just been fulfilled, and the Gentile nations have recognized Israel and her flag. Their banner will be terrible, for they are the chosen nation, Isa. 52:10; Psa. 20:5; 60:4; the mountain of Jerusalem, Isa. 12.

## JERUSALEM AND ITS VICINITY

Look at a large map of Jerusalem and her mountains. You will find "Mount Calvary," Luke 23:32; "Mount of Olives," Luke 22:39; "Garden of Gethsemane," Matt. 26:36; "Judah's field of blood," Acts 1:16-19, and "fields of the wood," Psa. 137, mentioned by David. All these places are found in Palestine, NOT in North Carolina. Honest hearts, don't mix the prophecy of the Jewish nation with the dispensation of the Christian church. Study and rightly divide the Bible. Friend, be honest and take this in the spirit of love in which I have written, and let your life be the standard for the lost world.—Yours for the Master, R. C. F. Tedder, P. O. Box 491, Selma, N. C.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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healed of high blood pressure and kidney trouble.—W. O. McLain, Evans, Ky.  
A little girl with a fractured skull; health to be better.—Mrs. J. DeTienne, Hill, Mo.  
My loved ones to be saved; my son to be healed of polio; me to be healed of a growth on my eye.—Mrs. Nathan Pressley, Rome, N. C.  
My sister to be healed of a growth on her leg.—Miss Ida Ruth Hand, Wetumpka, Ala.  
God to restore unity in my home.—Beulah Shaw, Calhoun, Falls, S. C.  
My daughter who has kidney trouble; husband to be healed of a skin disease; daughters to be saved; my other loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Blanche Ledbetter, Alton, Tenn.  
My son-in-law to be healed of sinus and stomach trouble; a neighbor who is in a serious condition.—Mrs. John Shorter.  
The complete healing of my body.—Samson Newsome, Ft. Monmouth, N. J.  
God to heal me of a tumor on the back of my neck.—T. F. Burchette, Schoolfield, Va.  
The healing of my body.—Mrs. Ruby East, Belton, S. C.  
My daughter to be healed of kidney trouble; me to be healed of arthritis.—Mrs. A. Banker, Charleston, Tenn.  
My brother to be saved; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; my father and mother to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Helen Ajo, Ariz.  
The complete healing of my body.—Frank L. Swalls, Branford, Fla.  
God to save and heal my sons; my daughter to be healed; me.—Mrs. Malfred B. Clark, Clarksdale, Miss.  
My mother who has been sick for some time with high blood pressure and other ailments.—Berdie M. Crawford, Calhoun, Ga.  
My unsaved sister who has tumor of the brain.—Belle Godwin, Okeechobee, Fla.  
Mrs. V. F. Salter who has tumor, or something like it.  
My daughter who is seriously ill.—Mrs. Chubb, Shelbyburn, Ind.

## WHEREIN THY GREAT STRENGTH LIETH

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While he slept with his head in her lap, and his strength went from him. When the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, he was then just as any other man. That act of disobedience caused the Spirit of the Lord to take His departure.

On the day of Pentecost, the one hundred and twenty came down from the upper room endued with mighty power from on high. Peter had been weak-kneed a few weeks before that he had denied even knowing the Lord, but now the Spirit of the Lord moved upon him. He turned to those hardened Jews who had killed Jesus and denounced them with such mighty power that three thousand of them fell out, "What shall we do?" Peter answered, "Repent," and they were all added to the church that same day.

When Peter and John met the lame man at the gate Beautiful, Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." They had the Spirit of the Lord. The mighty Spirit became the strength of the church. When the church was ushered into the Dark Ages, the Spirit of the Lord moved mightily upon the saints to give them courage to stand by their faith, even when it meant being thrown to hungry lions or losing their heads on the chopblock.

About forty years ago again the Holy Ghost was poured out on God's people, and as the Spirit of God moved upon His people hundreds and thousands received this wonderful blessing. Great and mighty things have been done in the power of the Holy Spirit. Hundreds have fallen in altars crying out to God for repentance, and the sick have been healed. Special people with a special message at a special time! The message is, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." The time is now. "For in such an hour ye think not, the Son of man cometh." This is the hour when men's thoughts are anywhere but on the coming of the Lord. The special people are His Spirit-filled saints on whom the Spirit of the Lord hath moved mightily, and wherein lieth their great strength.

But Satan's wiles are the same. His trickery began in Eden and continues today. We have seen many wicked to sleep in the lap of flattery, pride, arrogance, perniciousness

covetousness, and when they awaken, they find their strength gone and that they have become just as any other man.

Saints, let us know wherein our great strength lieth. Puny man will forever be just puny man—nothing more except as God helps him. But, hallelujah, within man there can be great strength as the Spirit of the Lord moves mightily within. Let us keep that Spirit working and demonstrating in great strength, until God's special work is done and then we shall join Him and His Son in the rapture.

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### A Spiritual Blitzkrieg

During the late world conflict, soldiers under arms resorted to "blitzkrieg" tactics, or "lightning war," in which they struck at the enemy with such force and speed that he was oftentimes taken by surprise and defeated. During our recent revival with Brother I. L. Bengé, at the Hyde Park church in Los Angeles, Calif., God gave us what one may term a "spiritual blitzkrieg," which caught the devil off guard, and left him a wounded, defeated foe. The

power of God fell in such a way that more than once there was no preaching at all. People would enter the church praying and make for the altar, where many were "slain" by the Spirit. Some lay prostrate for hours, praying in the Spirit. One young man was stretched out on his back in a trance-like coma for eight hours, during a meeting that lasted all night. Were one to base his estimate on the law of averages, over one hundred people would have to receive the Baptism in some of our larger churches in order to come up to the results of this meeting, for which we praise God.

### A Holy Ghost Thunderstorm

At this writing we are in a revival with Brother Ralph Acridge at the church in Tucson, Ariz. The latter rain has already begun to fall, and there is a sound of abundance of rain. The first Sunday night during our Tucson meeting, the Spirit fell in great force, striking with lightning-like rapidity that caught the enemy napping, though some say he never sleeps. There was no time for preaching after the power came down like a thunderstorm, striking simultaneously in both ends of the church. We had two altar calls going at the same time, and several prayed through to God or a deeper experience in the Lord.

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